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1. USDEL HOROWITZ MADE FOLLOWING BRIEF REMARKS (NOT VERBATIM)  
IN PROGRAM, FINANCE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AT END OF  
MEMBERS' GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS AND BUDGET FOR 1978-79.

2. "COMMITTEE KNOWS THAT USG HAS PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED  
FULLY IN BUDGET DEBATE AND HAS TAKEN A DEEP INTEREST IN BOTH  
PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF ILO. IN THE PAST USG HAS LOOKED  
CLOSELY AT GENERAL THRUST AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

"WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT INTEREST BUT WE ARE IN A  
DIFFICULT POSITION NOW.

"WE HOPE THAT A MAJORITY OF ILO MEMBERS SHARE OUR CONCERN  
ABOUT RETURNING THE ILO TO ITS BASIC PRINCIPLES AND WE HOPE  
THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE MAJORITY WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR  
US TO REMAIN I THE ILO.

"BUT THIS PRESENT DIFFICULT SITUATION HAS  
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IMPLICATIONS FOR THIS DISCUSSION TODAY. THE FACT  
THAT WE ARE NOT PARTICIPATING DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT  
INTERESTED. BUT WE ARE TRYING TO BE FAIR. AND WE  
BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO MEMBERS IF WE PARTICIPATED  
FULLY AS IN THE PAST.

"WE HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD. THIS

DECISION REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE ILO. THIS DECISION DOES NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN OUR POLICY BUT RESULTS FROM THAT POLICY. WE WANT TO BE FAIR TO MEMBERS. THEREFORE WE ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSING A BUDGET COVERING A PERIOD IN WHICH WE MAY NOT BE MEMBERS.

"HOWEVER, THERE ARE PROGRAMS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT WHICH ARE OF CONTINUING INTEREST. (SEE REFTTEL FOR REMARKS ON CHINA ISSUE) WE SUPPORT THE THEMES AND PRIORITIES SET FORTH IN THE DG'S INTRODUCTION.

"WITH REGARD TO RESEARCH, WE SUPPORT THE DG'S EMPHASIS ON ACTION-ORIENTED RESEARCH AND HOPE THAT THE CATEGORY "OTHER MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA" CAN BE STRENGTHENED AS A MEANS OF COLLECTING AND CONVEYING INFORMATION.

"WE NOTE THE INCREASE IN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO TECHNICAL ADVISORY MISSIONS. SUCH MISSIONS CAN BE IMPORTANT BUT WE SUGGEST THAT A MECHANISM BE SET UP TO PROVIDE EXPLICIT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF THESE MISSIONS' VALUE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES.

"WITH REGARD TO THE DECLARATION OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE, WE NOTE THAT IN SOME COUNTRIES OTHER MINISTRIES BESIDES MINISTRIES OF LABOR MAY BE INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM. WE HOPE THE OFFICE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF LABOR MINISTRIES, AS THE OFFICE PROCEEDS WITH IMPLEMENTING THE DECLARATION.

"FINALLY WITH REGARD TO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY, THE ILO HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION, IN SUCH MATTERS AS HAZARD ALERTS AND GUIDANCE ON HEALTH AND SAFETY. WE HOPE THE ILO WILL EMPHASIZE THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM." CATTO

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